

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

SPRIT OF THE DAY SHOULD BE TENDERLY OBSERVED.

State Superintendent Alderman Urges Teachers and Pupils to Render Fitting Tribute.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman, in sending out the program for Memorial day by the schools throughout the state, has launched a movement to bring the observance of the day back to methods more in keeping with the sentiments which prompted the creation of the day.

Mr. Alderman believes that the observance of the day has degenerated into something too much akin to a carnival, observes the Salem Statesman. He believes that there ought to be one day in which the Nation should remember the sacrifices made by those who responded to the call to arms when men were needed to preserve the Nation.

The following letter which his office has sent out with the program explains in detail Mr. Alderman's ideas of bringing Memorial day back to its real purpose:

Spirit of the Day.

"I send you this program with the hope that you will do all within your power to instill the minds of those under your charge with the real spirit of Memorial day. It is one of the most sacred days we have. It gives a great opportunity for you to drive home the real lessons of patriotism. I am sure you have observed in history that generations following national upheavals have sometimes forgotten the lesson learned at great sacrifice. I have noticed that in too many cases our schools have given their attention to athletic sports and picnics on this day.

"I suggest that if there is an organization in your locality of the G. A. R. or of the O. N. G., that you invite some member of either body to the school the day before Memorial day, and that you make the offer long enough beforehand to co-operate with these organizations to the fullest extent. If your school is in a locality where there is no G. A. R. or O. N. G., I ask you to have the school decorate the graves in the cemetery, and on the morning of Memorial day go as a body to the cemetery and there hold suitable exercises. I hope you will do all within your power to see that every child under your control takes some part in the program and also helps to beautify the cemetery.

For the Unknown Hero.

"I also suggest that if there is a river or stream near your school, that you have some suitable exercise, and throw blossoms upon the waters in the hope that they will cross the grave of some unknown hero who died at sea. Also, let me suggest that you have your pupils provide the people of your locality with a sprig of evergreen, so that all may wear the sprig in memory of our dead, and that you do everything you can to make this as universally done as possible.

"I know that the teachers of Oregon will be very glad to co-operate in this matter of patriotism, and will make a real effort to show that we appreciate their great service to our country. While the G. A. R. would not claim this day as belonging to them alone, let us in our observance of this day do special honor to them, so that they may feel that we are worthy of the sacrifices they made for us."

VALLEY LEAGUE IS FORMED

Opening Ball Games Will Be Played Sunday, May 7.

According to a press dispatch from Salem, organization of the Willamette Valley League has been completed and arrangements made for the opening, on May 7. The only question yet to be decided is whether the Piedmont Stars or the Rupters of Portland, will be the sixth team. John Hunt, of Woodburn, has been elected president; C. C. Harrison, of Portland, vice-president; Archie W. Jernan, of Salem, secretary and manager; Crittenden of Hubbard, treasurer.

The league will open with Hubbard at Woodburn; the Dilworth Derbies at Salem, and either the Piedmont Stars or the Rupters at Dulles. Twenty-one games will be included in the league schedule.

It is given out that local men are arranging to provide a good ball ground nearer the center of town than the one heretofore made use of in North Dallas, as it is thought that it will have much to do with increasing the attendance at the games, should Dallas enter the league.

Why William's Whiskers Wag.

These are exciting days for the men. The clips are selling for New York. Every old billy can wag his whiskers with satisfaction as he contemplates the deals—Portland Oregonian.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

The Observer has added satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and attorneys may now secure them in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

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It's a big 184-page

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which tells you all about the ailments of your Cows,

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Dr. Roberts is the greatest live stock authority of the country. His Veterinarian of

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WIDOW'S PORTION OPPOSED

Sons of Joseph Meyers Say Step-mother Needs Only \$100.

Declaring that Mrs. Lenale Meyers, widow of the late Joseph Meyers, formerly of Salem, who left an estate worth \$900,000, was a dressmaker previous to her marriage, and that she is not accustomed to having more than \$100 a month for expenses, as provided by her husband's will, Milton L. Meyers, Alice Meyers and Henry Meyers, sons and daughter of Meyers, have filed a petition in the Multnomah County Court requesting the court to revoke its recent order granting the widow \$150 a month, pending settlement of the will contest.

Mrs. Meyers went before the court recently and was allowed a raise in her allowance from \$100 to \$150 a month. She contended that she had been accustomed to more money than granted, and asked the court to allow her \$250 a month. The petition filed yesterday it is contended that Mrs. Meyers was not telling the truth when she informed the court that she was accustomed to more money than she was receiving, reports the Oregonian.

It is also alleged that Mrs. Meyers is showing an antipathy to Milton L. Meyers, and that she is having the youngest son of her husband, Joseph Meyers, spy on Henry and Milton. The complaint says that Joseph Meyers is mistreated by her, and that the boy is refused supper when he is slow about getting home from school.

INHERITANCE TAX TO LEAP

Treasurer to Demand Recording of Face Value of Notes.

SALEM, Or., April 25.—Strict full cash valuation appraisal of estates falling under the inheritance tax law will be required in the future by State Treasurer Kay, according to a statement given out by him today.

"The Treasurer's office hopes to save from 20 to 25 per cent on the income from inheritance taxes by increasing the taxes that much through a full valuation appraisal. As an example, recently an estate was filed carrying a large number of notes. The face value of the notes was recorded and the appraisal value was 25 per cent less than the face value. Representatives of the estate said this reduction in appraisal was made because the face value could not be realized at the banks. But they were instructed to make a cash value appraisal, which will mean an increase of 25 per cent in the amount of taxes collected by the state. This policy will be pursued entirely hereafter by this office."

Plows With Engine.

J. B. Dickover, owner of some 1400 acres of fruit land 12 miles east of Albany, and who is planting much of his land to apples, is the first in this vicinity to adopt modern methods in farm tillage. He recently purchased a large 40-horse power gasoline engine, to which he has attached a gang of six stirring plows. Mr. Dickover began cultivating with this large rig yesterday and seems to be getting along nicely with the new order of things. The Linnhaven Orchard Co., of this city, owning a large tract in Mr. Dickover's vicinity, is also considering the adoption of similar methods in the cultivation of the Linnhaven tract.—Albany Herald.

Recount Shows Increase.

HEPPNER, Or., April 25.—When the government census figures were published, crediting Heppner with only 880 people, the Booster Club decided to make a recount. A committee of the business men was appointed to do the work. A careful canvass was made and the result shows that there are 1123 people in the city. The lists were carefully checked over to see that there was no duplication of names. This is a remarkable showing when it is remembered that in 1903 more than 200 people were lost in the flood, and that many more left the town after their homes were destroyed and some members of their families were swept away.

Record Hen Egg.

FOREST GROVE, April 25.—The biggest hen egg produced in this section of Washington County is the product of a Black Minorca hen belonging to W. T. Johnson, a farmer living on the Bibebe ranch, west of Forest Grove. The egg measured eight and three-eighths inches in circumference and weighed five ounces. It had two yolks. Another egg brought in by Mr. Johnson weighed four ounces. Since the Reverend J. R. Hall's Minorca hen produced an egg measuring six and three-quarters inches in circumference, a contest has been started by a local newspaper. Mr. Johnson leads to date.

Twelve Times Married.

PENDLETON, April 25.—More than a score of divorce suits filed by the late Attorney Peter West will be dismissed by Judge Phelps tomorrow. These are cases in which demurrers have been filed and in which further procedure was stopped by the death of Mr. West. Attorney West had been married 12 times, and because he devoted all his time to obtaining divorces for misnamed couples he became known as the divorce lawyer of the Pacific Coast.

Klantham Falls takes pride in the appearance of her uniformed police force.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. D. Kendrick, Ramona, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup." For sale by all good dealers.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARTIN.

Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SCHOOL AID IS ASKED

PERIL OF FOREST FIRES TO BE TAUGHT PUPILS.

Every County in Oregon Will Have Warden Appointed by State Board.

SALEM, April 25.—An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This time-worn adage is the basis of the policy which was outlined by the new State Board of Forestry today. Every pupil of every school in Oregon will be inculcated with this idea and it is the intention of the board to spread broadcast information which will tend toward protection of Oregon's timber resources.

E. O. Selke, assistant forester at Oregon Agricultural College, was appointed deputy forester at a salary of \$1900 a year. He has been assistant to Professor George W. Peavy, also a member of the State Board of Forestry. For some time before becoming connected with the Agricultural College, Mr. Selke was in the government service at Portland.

Wardens in Every County.

Every county in the state will become a district under the board. Every district will have a fire warden. The pay of the wardens has not been determined. At a meeting of the State Board of Game and Fish Commissioners Thursday, Forester Elliott will appear and make a proposal for co-operation by the board.

The Game and Fish Commission will have two deputies in every county. Under the proposed plan one of these deputies will also act as fire warden and be paid half of his salary by the Forestry Board. It will be stipulated that this deputy will be appointed by the State Forester.

One hundred thousand pamphlets entitled, "Lessons in Forestry," and prepared by E. T. Allen, of Portland, will be distributed among the school children and the aid of the schools will be asked in having the pupils absorb practical knowledge from these pamphlets.

Volunteer Wardens.

At the suggestion of Dan P. Smythe, of the board, arrangements will be made to have all competent sheep-tenders act as fire wardens. Mr. Smythe is secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, which is heartily in favor of the plan. By this method camp-tenders, who are familiar with forest conditions, will protect the timber in their own allotments and aid materially in preventing and extinguishing fires. They understand the roads and trails and the mountains, Mr. Smythe says and will be the most effective of wardens.

"Prevention" will be the watchword of the forestry board. Its next aim will be to furnish a liberal education in the manner of extinguishing large forest fires. There are many other questions of board policy which the State Forester says are not ripe for public announcement as yet, but he hopes to have them in full operation next season to reduce the possibility of fire loss to a minimum.

Railroad Uses Goats.